

**Regional Conference on the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible
Cultural Heritage (Roseau, Dominica, 17-19 February, 2005)**

Final Recommendations

We the participants in the Regional Conference on the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (Roseau, Dominica, 17-19 February 2005), mindful of the common circumstances and threats that intangible cultural heritage faces in the Region, and intervening in our personal capacity ¹, recommend:

- A) to the UNESCO Member States of the Region
 - a. to ratify promptly and effectively implement, including through legislation, the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;
 - b. pending the ratification process, to initiate and/or reinforce safeguarding measures in the field of the intangible cultural heritage in the spirit of the 2003 Convention;
 - c. in order to ensure the protection of communities vis-à-vis their intangible cultural heritage in the field of intellectual property law :
 - i. to raise public awareness in general as well as within communities;
 - ii. to develop, where necessary, cultural policies;
 - iii. to consider enacting and implementing relevant legislation;
 - d. to initiate and/or reinforce regional and sub-regional cooperation for the proper safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage, at the level of the concerned communities, education and research institutions, relevant national authorities and NGOs

- B) to UNESCO
 - a. to reinforce financial and technical assistance in the region, particularly to small island states, for the proper safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage;
 - b. to reinforce human resources in the Culture sector in the UNESCO Office for the Caribbean (Kingston, Jamaica).

¹ The participants are from the following countries : Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts/Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago